

OBSERVATIONS BY MAJOR GRANT

His Views Regarding Cuba and Porto Rico.

CUBANS ARE UNPROMISING

Not Fit for Self Government—On a Par With Southern Negroes—Porto Ricans a Superior People—The Major Home on Leave—Winston and Elizabeth City Public Buildings.

Washington, May 3.—Special.—Major H. L. Grant, paymaster in the U. S. Volunteer service, left here Tuesday night for his home in Goldsboro. He is on leave and will remain at home until June 13, when his commission expires by limitation. He is full of information regarding the Cubans and Porto Ricans. Six weeks spent in Cuba and ten days in Porto Rico, traveling in the former country over six hundred miles, and in the latter several hundred miles through the rural sections, gave Major Grant an excellent opportunity for observation. He is not favorably impressed with either the thrift or intelligence of the native Cubans and says their standard is not higher than the Southern negro. They are not fit to rule and Major Grant thinks that it will be several years before the United States permits them to try self-government. He considers the Porto Ricans as greatly superior to the Cubans.

The American homestead or farm house is unknown in both islands. Cultivation is carried on in some fashion, to be sure, but it does not approximate our most inferior farming. The landlords as a rule live in the cities and visit their plantations, but seldom reside there.

The cattle in Cuba Major Grant described as small and indifferent, while the horses were of the scrub species, thin and ugly.

The Cubans average in height much lower than our small men, seldom attaining more than 5 feet 4 inches. The native soldiers, he says, were a sorry lot, no two having uniforms alike, many of them barefooted, some not wearing even trousers, but having on derby hats, and even a few were seen sporting second-hand tiles. In strange contrast to the common soldiers were the officers. These were all well dressed and had, as a rule, plenty of money which they spent freely around the cafes of the cities.

While the Cubans as a rule drink intoxicants, it is seldom that one is seen drunk about the streets. Major Grant is particularly pleased with Porto Rico and believes it will become a valuable possession in time.

Treasury Inspector Crane will probably be sent to Winston to examine the sites offered for a public building. He will not, however, be able to reach Winston before the 20th of this month, and it may be even later. Because of heavy public expenditures, the policy of the Treasury is not to push to completion public works of any kind, and especially of public buildings, so many of which were authorized by the last Congress.

Bids for a site for the public building at Elizabeth City will be opened at the Treasury May 10th. There have been several inquiries as to the proper form in which to submit the offer, and from present prospects there will be many offers of desirable sites.

DURHAM ALDERMEN ORGANIZE.

All Officials Re-elected Except Fire Chief—Agent Muse Resigns.

Durham, May 3.—Special.—The new board of city aldermen, every member of which was a member of the old board, met last night for the first time this term. They re-elected Mr. J. A. Woodall chief of police; Mr. J. R. Patton, city tax collector; Mr. Paschal Lunsford, treasurer; and all the old police officers. Mr. Howard E. Heatt was elected chief of the fire department and superintendent of the fire alarm system, in the place of Mr. Walter C. Bradsher, who has served the city in that capacity for a long time. Mr. Bradsher was turned down because he opposed the re-election of some members of the board in the mass meeting held previous to the election. The board declared that the act of the General Assembly entitled "An act to authorize the town of Durham to issue school bonds," ratified by a majority vote of

the qualified voters of the city. The bonds will be prepared and issued at an early date.

Mr. W. A. Muse has resigned as agent of the Seaboard Air Line in this city, to take effect at once. It is learned that Mr. Muse and the railroad officials had some unpleasantness over the employment of an assistant in the depot here, and when the road employed the assistant over the protest of Mr. Muse, he resigned at once. Mr. S. H. Reams, the assistant agent, is in charge of the Seaboard business for the present, but it is reported that a man from another town will succeed Mr. Muse.

Captain Baxter R. Hunter, of King's Mountain, was in Durham today with friends. Captain Hunter was first assistant surgeon of the First North Carolina Regiment during the recent war. He left his practice as a physician when the first call for troops was made and enlisted in Company A as a private. Soon afterwards he was promoted to hospital steward, and later on to contract surgeon, with the rank of first lieutenant. Still later he resigned his commission as contract surgeon to accept the position of surgeon with the rank of captain, to succeed Captain Jordan, of Asheville, who resigned before the regiment went to Cuba.

Mr. T. B. Yuille, buyer for the American Tobacco Company in Durham, and Mr. J. Ed. Stagg, have given out contracts for the erection of handsome houses on Chapel Hill street. These houses will be models of beauty and loveliness. Work will begin on them at once.

LANGUAGE TOO DRASTIC.

The President Wants Report of Army Court of Inquiry Changed in Phraseology.

Washington, May 3.—Major General Wade, president of the court of inquiry, went to the White House this afternoon and had a long conference with the President regarding the report of the court, which was submitted to the President a few days ago. The President reviewed the findings thoroughly with Wade.

It was said unofficially after the meeting that the President wishes to have most of the verbiage of the report changed. In his opinion the language used in connection with certain army officers concerned in the beef controversy, while entirely just, is not judicious. It is the desire of the President to have as little rancor as possible left, and it is probable the report will be somewhat modified in phraseology, while not altered in practical purport.

OFFICIAL NEWS FROM BLUEFIELDS

Dayton's Reports Confirm Press Dispatches.

The Detroit May Have to Impart an Object Lesson to the Powers That Be in Those Parts.

Washington, May 3.—Secretary Long today received mailed reports from Commander Dayton, of the cruiser Detroit, at Bluefields, but he is still unable to communicate with Dayton by telegraph. It is understood his reports substantially confirm press dispatches.

There is reason to believe the government has decided that a lesson should be taught some Central American republics for their high-handed methods in dealing with Americans. The present trouble is attributed to the bitter hostility of Governor Torres, of Bluefields, toward Americans. Secretary Hay is endeavoring to adjust the troubles through channels of diplomacy, but it is not improbable that Dayton may soon be ordered to take drastic measures.

MADE HIS PURPOSE CLEAR.

Before Committing a Murder the Slayer Prepared a Typewritten Statement.

New York, May 3.—James M. Plumb, formerly a well-known man about town, this afternoon shot and killed Alexander Masterson, a retired broker, of Bronxville, in an apartment house on Thirtieth street. Plumb, who is 55 years old, went to meet Masterson, who is 72, with the deliberate intention of killing him. He took with him a hand bag containing a typewritten manuscript, reciting at length why he was going to kill Masterson. Briefly Plumb accused the dead man of separating him from his children and inducing his daughter to sue him for an accounting of her mother's estate, which resulted in endless litigation and conspiring in other ways to ruin him. Plumb did not seem to mind being arrested. Masterson was a prominent Republican, and once a close friend of President Arthur.

OTIS REFUSES TO GRANT ARMISTICE

Filipinos Ask for Three Months Respite.

THE SITUATION UNCHANGED

Generals in the Field Move Their Headquarters to the Front—Filipinos Lost Two Hundred in One Battle Last Week—Survivors of the Gillmore Party.

Manila, May 3.—The Filipino commissioners held another conference of two hours' duration with General Otis this morning, and subsequently visited the Philippine commissioners. The situation is apparently unchanged. General Otis, in an interview after the conference, said the Filipinos asked for a three months' armistice in the entire archipelago. They admitted under questioning that they did not control all of the islands, but said they wished time to ascertain the opinions of all the people. Aguinaldo also requests time, in order, as he says, to convene the Filipino Congress and have the situation discussed. Otis positively refused to grant an armistice.

The Filipino commissioners argued that Spanish prisoners should be regarded in the same light as Americans. Spaniards were the old enemy and Americans are the present enemy. Besides, the United States have become possessed of Spanish property and have assumed Spanish obligations. Consequently their footing is similar to that of Spaniards before the recent war began.

During the advance of Hale's troops to Pullan yesterday, Wheeler's cavalry, which had gone on ahead, met a body of Filipinos, who failed to return the American fire, but sent a white flag with the explanation that they had received orders not to fight during negotiations. The Filipinos were allowed a half hour to withdraw.

MacArthur, Wheaton and Hale moved their field headquarters to the front at Apalit this afternoon. Lawton is advancing toward San Miguel.

Spanish prisoners who had been abandoned by insurgents at Pullan told Americans that the loss of Filipinos at Quingua last week was 200 killed. Thirty-eight dead were buried in one trench.

The supply ship Cleveland arrived today.

Lieutenant Gillmore's Party.

Washington, May 3.—Admiral Dewey cabled the Navy Department this morning as follows:

"Following from the Yorktown are prisoners at insurgent headquarters at Sanisidro: Lieutenant Gillmore, Chief Quartermaster William Walton, Sailmaker's Mate Paul Vandoit, Coxswain John Ellsworth, apprentice, third class, Albert Peterson, Landsman Silvio, Landsman Lyman, Paul Edwards and Landsman Fred Anderson. Provisions have been sent them by General Otis. Am continuing inquiries as to the fate of the other seven."

MacArthur Attacks San Tomas.

Manila, Thursday.—MacArthur began an attack this morning on San Tomas, five miles northwest of Calumpit. Americans are fighting stubbornly for the bridge and rebels are burning town.

THE TROUBLE AT WARDNER

Rioters Being Arrested by Civil Authorities Under Protection of Troops.

Washington, May 3.—The War Department has received the following from General Merriam on his way to the seat of the western mining troubles:

Boise, Idaho, May 2. Adjutant General, Washington:

Arrived this morning. A conference with the governor discloses various difficulties in dealing with the riots and conspiracies. There is some hope of identifying the offenders through the conference at Wardner tomorrow. One union man is dead and one non-union man mortally wounded. The destruction of mining property was very great. Troops from Boise, Vancouver, Walla Walla and Spokane are moving for Wardner today. Troops from Harrison, Assiniboine, Russell and Douglas were ordered today to Mullan. Will go to Wardner tonight. The number of non-union miners in the district is about

1,500. The number armed and acting in the riots about 100.

MERRIAM, Brigadier General.

Wardner, Idaho, May 3.—Fifty-four warrants have been sworn out for riotous miners, and constables are making arrests under protection of troops. Many miners have fled to the hills. The town is wild with excitement. About fifteen arrests have been made.

Wallace, Idaho, May 3.—Rioters are leaving on every train. It is claimed that many of those who arrived here last week from Butte are now leaving.

Martial Law Declared.

Boise, Idaho, May 3.—The governor will issue a proclamation tomorrow declaring Shoshone county, in Coter d'Alenes, under martial law. Advice from the scene of trouble indicate that the presence of troops has acted as a damper on the ardor of strikers. Many are fleeing and the governor has ordered them to turn back. A train load of deputies has been sent to Harrison near the State line, to bring back strikers stopping there on their way out of the State. Thus far sixty-five of the rioting miners have been arrested by troops.

HEAVY DOCTOR BILL.

A Greensboro Physician Wants \$50 a Day for Making Arms Sore.

Greensboro, N. C., May 3.—Special. The county commissioners met with a committee from the board of aldermen yesterday afternoon to arrange the terms under which the bills contracted on account of the recent smallpox scare are to be settled. It was found that the expense of vaccination, post-houses, guards, etc., amounts to about \$200. This will probably be paid jointly by both the county and city. When Dr. A. E. Ledbetter, the retiring county superintendent of health, presented a bill for \$2,450 for professional services the commissioners and aldermen were almost paralyzed. The commissioners, acting for the county, promptly refused to pay the bill, and, although it has not yet been presented to the board of aldermen, it is not at all probable that the city will stand for the amount. The doctor charged for his services at the rate of \$50 per day, claiming that he served the city and county forty-nine days. This is regarded as a most exorbitant price, especially as our people suffered a great deal more from the effects of vaccination than from the so-called smallpox.

EVERYTHING READY FOR THE RALEIGH

Large Crowds Are Expected in Wilmington.

Silver Service Will Be Presented to the Ship—First Regiment Band Will Contribute to the Gayety of the Situation.

Wilmington, N. C., May 2.—Special.—Everything is in readiness for the coming of the cruiser Raleigh tomorrow. Committees have been especially active today in arranging minor details of the reception for the officers and crew and for the large number of visitors expected from Raleigh and other towns. Very low rates have been offered by all railroads coming to Wilmington, and visitors to the city today from adjacent towns say that large crowds are being made up for the trip. Tomorrow morning the naval reserves' splendid boat, the Hornet, will carry a delegation from military organizations and committee of arrangements. The Compton, a passenger steamer of the Atlantic Coast Line, will carry the committee of arrangements composed of ladies, Atlantic Coast Line officials and their wives to Southport, to welcome the cruiser upon her arrival there. The passenger steamer Wilmington and the tug Marton, with a committee of pilots, will also form part of the escort for the victorious cruiser to the old Cape Fear and Yadkin Valley wharf in Wilmington, where she will be anchored.

The First Regiment Band of North Carolina Volunteers is here and will remain over a couple of days to furnish with the Second Regiment Band, music for the receptions to Captain Coghlan and his crew.

Among the gifts to be presented to the ship will be an elegant silver service from several prominent citizens of Wilmington.

Tonight a gale of forty miles velocity, accompanied by rain, struck the city with the fury of a cyclone. No damage, however, resulted. It has been raining steadily since, but the forecast says fair weather tomorrow. During the storm the fire department responded to four alarms within ten minutes, but no serious damage resulted.

NATIONAL LEAGUE GAMES.

All the Strong Teams Add Scores to Their Credit.

Table with columns for location (New York, Philadelphia, Washington, Boston, Baltimore, Cleveland, Chicago, Pittsburgh, Louisville, Cincinnati, St. Louis) and scores (R. H. E.).

College Games.

Table with columns for location (Cambridge, Harvard, Bowdoin, Princeton, New Haven, Yale, Lafayette, Pennsylvania, Lehigh) and scores (R. H. E.).

ATKINSON PAMPHLETS SEIZED.

Why the Department of Justice Lets the Agitator Drive Easily.

San Francisco, May 3.—Postal authorities today seized pamphlets sent out by anti-imperialist Atkinson, addressed to Dewey, Otis, Miller and Professors Schurman and Worcester of the Philippines Commission. Two of the pamphlets are entitled "The Hell of War" and "Criminal Aggression." The third has not any title and contains copies of speeches delivered by Hoar, Boutelle and Edmunds.

Washington, May 3.—The decision of the Department of Justice not to prosecute Edward Atkinson for sending treasonable literature to the army in the Philippines is due in a measure to knowledge by the administration of his previous irresponsible actions, evidently inspired by a desire for notoriety. While the war commission was conducting its inquiry, Atkinson wrote to Chairman Dodge most rancorous attacks upon the War Department and officers of the army. He made charges of cruelty and mismanagement, but when the commission visited Boston and called him to the stand he failed to substantiate in any way the allegations he made.

SEVENTY RECRUITS OFFER.

Batch of Men Secured in Winston for the Regular Army.

Winston, N. C., May 3.—Special.—Recruiting officers were here today and examined about seventy men for the United States army for a term of three years. Two-thirds of the number were turned down on account of physical disability. Only four of those who passed were white. They will be sent to Governor's Island, N. Y., tomorrow, and from there will go to Porto Rico. The colored recruits will be sent to Galveston, Texas.

The Mutual Telephone Company was organized here today. It will build telephone lines which will connect Winston-Salem with all of the towns in the Piedmont section north of here. Work is to be commenced at once.

Gavel of Historic Interest.

Austin, Tex., May 3.—Surviving members of Hood's brigade held their annual reunion here today. The chairman, Captain Hunter, of Huntsville, was presented with a historic gavel, made by James Dallas, of Washington county, out of wood from Gen. Sam Houston's house at the old town of Washington, which was the capital of the Texas Republic in 1836. Judge Henderson, of the Court of Criminal Appeals, made the presentation speech.

N. G. DENTISTS IN SESSION

25th Annual Session State Dental Association.

FINE LOOKING BODY OF MEN

First Day's Proceedings—President's Annual Address—Newly Licensed Applicants Who Passed Examination—Able Papers Read.

Looking in the Senate chamber and observing the intelligent, fine-looking body of men occupying all the regular seats at the fifty desks, and a score of others in attendance, the first enquiry that naturally suggests itself is, "Is the Senate in session?"

Then, after a closer observation, the visitor notes the fact that, taken altogether, the congregation of gentlemen present differs from the complexion of the usual Senate. For it is but the truth to say that, while apparently equally intelligent, those present are handsomer and better dressed men than Senators generally. Indeed, it is an unusually fine-looking body of men, these seventy-five dentists who are assembled in annual convention, the Twenty-fifth Annual Session of the North Carolina State Dental Association, and the admirably prepared papers read yesterday and last night showed them to be men of high intelligence, while their demeanor in convention and their general bearing prove them to be gentlemen of culture as well.

DELEGATES PRESENT.

There are about seventy-five delegates in attendance on this session of the association, including the following: Alexander, C. L.; Ayer, J. M.; Banner, J. E.; Bland, C. A.; Benton, J. H.; Banner, C. W.; Carr, L. N.; Carroll, N. G.; Davis, W. Ross; Davis, I. H.; Everett, D. E.; Fleming, J. M.; Gorman, J. A.; Griffith, J. F.; Hawes, C. T.; Hunter, T. M.; Harris, F. S.; Hilliard, S. P.; Horton, H. V.; James, D. L.; Jetter, I. P.; Jones, R. H.; Keenan, E. P.; Little, J. B.; Liverman, A. C.; Lynch, William; Macintosh, J. E.; McCracken, J. T.; McCracken, F. W.; Morrow, R. M.; Moore, J. K.; Osborne, J. C.; Osborne, J. R.; Parker, J. M.; Patterson, J. B.; Ramsey, W. B.; Rominger, C. A.; Snell, H.; Smathers, B. F.; Spurgeon, J. S.; Turner, V. E.; Tucker, E. J.; Woyche, J. M.; Whitehead, C. D.; Banner, J. E.

In addition to the delegates, there are a number of prominent visiting dentists from other States, including the following: Dr. L. M. Cowardin, of Richmond, Va., and the following from Atlanta, Ga., viz., Drs. William Crenshaw, Frank Holland, Chappell and Broughton.

OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION for the past year and at present are as follows, new officers to be chosen during the present session for the ensuing year: President—C. W. Banner, of Mt. Airy.

First Vice-President—E. P. Keenan, of Charlotte. Second Vice-President—J. J. Battle, of Rocky Mount. Secretary—J. L. Spurgeon, of Hillsboro. Treasurer—D. L. James, Greenville. Essayist—J. P. Griffith, Salisbury.

The First Day's Session.

The first day's session yesterday was opened with prayer by Rev. Dr. Marshall.

Dr. V. E. Turner delivered the address of welcome, which was responded to by Dr. C. A. Rominger. The president, Dr. C. W. Banner, delivered the annual address, to report on which the following committee was appointed: Drs. Horton, Bland and Everett. [This address will be found printed in full on page three.]

Drs. Crenshaw, Hinman and Chappell, of Atlanta, Ga., were unanimously elected honorary members of the society.

The annual essay by Dr. J. F. Griffith was, by request, postponed until the evening session.

The committee on publication, composed of Drs. I. N. Carr, S. P. Hilliard and C. A. Rominger, presented its report, which was accepted.

The committee of propylaxis was passed until a later session.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The report of the treasurer, Dr. James, was made. A committee was appointed on same, who later made report, which was accepted.

Dr. I. N. Carr read a paper on "The Value of Suggestion in Relieving Pain in Dental Surgery," which was discussed at length and most favorably. The following gentlemen were elected active members of the society: Dr. G. W. Whitsett, C. A. Crawford, C. A. Whitehead, J. E. Banner, E. W. Moore and J. A. Gorman.

EVENING SESSION.

Essay by Dr. J. F. Griffith, on "The History of Dental Surgery in North Carolina from 1829 until 1865." In this most highly interesting paper he

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